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SUBJECT: NEW ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR PROPOSED FOR LONDON

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1. RESIDENT BRITISH EMBASSY SOURCE STATED ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT (EPMG) HAS SOUGHT AGREEMENT FROM UK FOR AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE ATO AYALEW WOLDE-GIORGIS, OLDER BROTHER OF CURRENT MOFA PERMSEC MAJOR DAWIT WOLDE-GIORGIS. AYALEW BORN 1932, IS MARRIED AND HAS 6 CHILDREN. HE RECEIVED B.A. IN JOURNALISM FROM UNIV OF NEW MEXICO AFTER STUDYING 2-1/2 YEARS AT BALDWIN WALLACE COLLEGE IN BEREA, OHIO. HIS FATHER FOUNDED DAILY AMHARIC NEWSPAPER ADDIS ZEMEN. AYALEW HAS BEEN ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF ENGLISH NEWSPAPER ETHIOPIAN HERALD (1958), HEAD OF CULTURAL AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN MOSCOW (1958-60), EDITOR OF VOICE OF ETHIOPIA (1960-62), AMHARIC ANNOUNCER FOR RADIO MOSCOW (1962), PRESS OFFICER IN PREVIOUS HAILE SELASSIE CABINET, ACCOMPANIED EMPEROR TO US IN 1967 AND 1973, VISITED PEKING FOR 2 MONTHS IN 1963, PRESENTLY CHIEF OF PRESS AND INFORMATION IN OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN OF MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF EPMG, AND WIDELY TRAVELED. SPEAKS SOME FRENCH AND FLUENT IN ENGLISH AND AMHARIC.

2. ALTHOUGH AYALEW NOT WELL KNOWN TO BRITISH EMBASSY
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HERE, THEY BELIEVE AYALEW GOOD CHOICE BECAUSE OF HIS PAST EXPERIENCE WITH PRESS RELATIONS, AREA WHICH HAS CAUSED MUCH FRICTION IN UK-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS. ALL ABOVE OF COURSE IS FYI UNTIL AGREEMENT GRANTED.
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